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Battletech Technical Readout 3050 Upgrad (Classic Battletech)



Synopsis

General Aleksandr Kerensky and three-quarters of the Star League Defense Force departed human-occupied space more than two hundred and fifty years ago, only to return in 3050 as the Clans: a society dedicated to the highest warrior ideals and bent on conquering the Inner Sphere. With their superior technology and OmniMechs, they almost proved unstoppable, before their defeat at Tukayyid and its fifteen year truce. The year is 3070, and while the Truce of Tukayyid has expired, the Jihad rages. The Inner Sphere 'Mechs hastily upgraded with field modifications to counter the Clans are proving their worth, as notable pilots rise to become heroes and new, more time tested variantsâ•sporting weapons right out of R&D labsâ•make their presence felt, while the Clan OmniMechs continue to prove they are still the cutting edge of military technology. Classic BattleTech Technical Readout: 3050 Upgrades fully updates this venerable product, fleshing out the history of each design, including notable MechWarriors/pilots, as well as providing fresh illustrations. Additionally, all the 'Mechs, vehicles and aerospace fighters originally found in the now out-of-print Technical Readout: 2750 are included.

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Customer Reviews

I've purchased a number of the Catalyst published CBT books in the past few months and, with one minor exception, I am consistently amazed at the quality of their products. I still have my original 1991 copy of 3050 and this version is an amazing upgrade of that old volume. The consolidation of units from 2750 into the readout not only makes sense (since ComStar circa 3050 was mostly comprised of SL units) but obviously saves us the buyer some money in the process. The expanded

descriptions of the mechs, especially the Inner Sphere ones, is a welcome addition, it gives more life into the product, as the original 3050 was wholly lacking in that respect. Another welcome addition are the additional variants described for all units; this book can be used up to the Jihad era with those included variants. I can't fault the original printings for lacking that, as obviously this was not possible since that source material was ~16 years away from being created. That being said it is a welcome addition to the new volume. I was a bit surprised that there was not a Project Phoenix section, similar to the 3039 readout. I'm assuming the mechs in the separate Project Phoenix readout were supposed to be used at this time. This is a bit weird since, as an owner of the original 3050 I know the variants used for Project Phoenix mechs in og 3050 were not the same as the ones in Project Phoenix. Are these mechs considered lost now, non-cannon, or are players just supposed to not think about it unless they own the original products? It's a bit of a head scratcher to me tbh. (UPDATE 3/2013, at this point we still haven't seen a clear answer from Catalyst that makes sense. As a result this volume cannot wholly replace an original 3050 readout.

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